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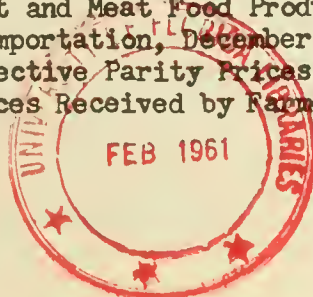
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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices on slaughter steers and heifers declined sharply under the influence of lower prices in the dressed trade. Slaughter steers sold largely 25¢-\$1.00 lower at midwest terminals with heifers mostly 50¢-\$1.00 off. Cows were generally 25¢-\$1.00 higher. Stockers and feeders sold steady to weak, instances 50¢ lower. Prices on barrows and gilts were uneven, closing sales in the eastern section of the Corn Belt were 50¢-\$1.00 higher while sales in the western section were steady to 25¢ lower, instances 50¢ off. Sows closed mostly 50-75¢ higher. Slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers sold generally 25¢-\$1.00 lower with many major terminals recording declines of 75¢-\$1.00. Weights over 1300# underwent the greatest decline with Chicago showing a \$1.25-2.00 lower trend on weights over 1350#. Steers grading Standard to low-Choice, all weights also found a narrow demand. Heifers were 25¢-\$1.00 lower mostly 50¢-\$1.00 off with some \$1.50 lower in Omaha. General price declines of 50¢-\$1.00 on carcass steer beef and \$1.00-1.50 on heifer beef at major wholesale dressed meat centers were bearish factors in the live trade. Prices on slaughter cows closed 25¢-\$1.00 higher, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 up under the influence of higher prices in the dressed trade. Bulls were steady to strong. Vealers sold steady at St. Louis and \$2.00-4.00 lower at St. Paul. Cattle receipts at major terminals were increased 3 percent over the previous week. Slaughter steers and heifers made up the bulk of the supplies at most points with Good and Choice grades predominating. High-Choice and Prime steers were in limited supply at most terminals, although Prime made up about 17 percent of the slaughter steer supply at Chicago. The average weight of slaughter steers at the 7 markets was 1150#, or the same as a year ago, but 11# lighter than the previous week.

In Chicago 20 loads Prime 1050-1375# slaughter steers brought \$29.00 on Monday, but late bulk of the Choice and Prime 900-1350# moved from \$25.50-28.00 with only around 20 loads mostly Prime to \$28.50. At other terminals bulk of the high-Good and Choice steers bulked at \$24.00-26.50 with a few loads mixed Choice and Prime \$27.25-28.00. Loadlots Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 1350-1650# weights from \$23.75-27.00 with Prime 1480# to \$27.50 in Chicago. Good steers bulked at \$23.00-25.25. Mixed Choice and Prime heifers sold at \$26.50-27.00 with a few from \$27.50-28.00 in Chicago early in the week. Choice heifers cashed at \$24.50-26.50 and Good \$21.75-24.75. Utility and Commercial cows sold at \$15.00-17.50; Canner and Cutter \$13.00-16.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Shipments of stocker and feeder steers and stock calves from the 10 markets totaled 24,700 compared 31,950 the previous week and 26,350 a year earlier. Stockers and feeders comprised 38 percent of the cattle receipts at Kansas City and 28 percent at Sioux City, this a larger proportion than at other midwest terminals. At several markets supplies were relatively small and at Omaha only 11 percent of the run consisted of stockers and feeders. Low-Good to average-Choice offerings made up a large percent of the overall supplies. Prices at midwest centers generally were steady to easier, instances 50¢ lower. At St. Paul, even though supplies there were limited, some sales were \$1.00 lower. In contrast, prices at Fort Worth were strong to \$1.00 higher and at Oklahoma City stockers were strong to 50¢ higher. Lessened competition from slaughter cattle buyers on partly fattened kinds resulted in an increased percentage of the fleshy two-way 900-1100# steers going back to the country for further feeding. Feeder buyers also purchased a moderate number of partly fattened heifers, including some 825-850#.

A few loads Choice and Fancy 525-600# stock steers brought \$28.00-32.00; majority Good and Choice 550-700# stockers \$24.00-27.50. Medium and low-Good cashed at \$19.50-24.00. Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers sold from \$22.50-26.00, most sales \$22.50-25.50. Load Choice 815# brought \$26.10. A moderate number of partly fattened 1000-1100# steers were included at \$23.50-25.00. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$21.50-25.25. At Omaha a shipment of Choice, partly fattened 859# heifers sold to a feeder at \$24.75. Choice 347# Colorado steer calves brought \$33.50 accompanied by 346# heifers at \$30.00. Bulk Good and Choice steer calves sold from \$26.00-32.50, similar grades heifer calves \$22.00-28.00. Choice and Fancy 461# heifers cashed at \$29.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Marketings of hogs at the 12 markets totaled 281,000 head, slightly more than the previous week, but 24 percent less than a year earlier. A severe snowstorm in the eastern section of the Corn Belt on Friday, however, sharply curtailed receipts in that area on the close. The week's supply at Chicago was the smallest for any week since last August. Mixed U. S. No. 1-3 and 2-3 190-270# barrows and gilts predominated in the run, but at some points in the western area of the Corn Belt there was an increase in the proportion under 230# with a decrease in the volume over 260#. Price trends on barrows and gilts were highly uneven throughout the area. Generally, prices declined early in the week, but then advanced on later sessions. Lower prices

on pork loins was a bearish factor in the live trade. However, the late snowstorm in the eastern part of the Corn Belt, set the stage for a sharp upturn there on Friday. Barrows and gilts closed the week 50¢-\$1.00 higher at St. Louis, Indianapolis and Chicago but finished steady to 25¢ lower, instances 50¢ off in the western area of the Corn Belt. The moderate to small supply of sows found broad outlets and advanced generally 50-75¢.

On Friday, U. S. No. 1 and 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts sold at \$18.50-19.25, with some U. S. No. 1 195-217# \$19.25-19.50 at Indianapolis. Mixed U. S. 1-3 and 2-3, 180-250# bulked over the area at \$18.25-19.00 with an extreme range of \$17.75-19.00. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows sold largely at \$15.00-16.75, U. S. 1-2, 250-300# \$17.00-17.25 at a few points.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 89¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago, January 26 to February 1, 1961 inclusive.

Prices on feeder pigs declined 50¢ at St. Paul but held steady at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-170# feeder pigs at Sioux City sold at \$17.00-18.00, Good and Choice 130-160# at St. Paul \$17.00-17.50.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 309,000, 22 percent less than the previous week and 19 percent under last year. Mild price declines were effected around midweek, however, receipts dropped with the aid of a rather heavy snowfall on Thursday and prices were forced upward. Barrows and gilts closed fully steady; sows mainly 10¢ lower and comprised about 5 percent of the total receipts. On Friday, mixed U. S. No. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts and including some 190-200# sold at \$17.50-18.00 with a moderate volume No. 1-2 \$18.00-18.50. No. 1-3 270-400# sows cashed at \$15.00-16.40, 400-550# \$13.75-15.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Trading on slaughter lambs was somewhat uneven during the week with early price declines partly recovered on late rounds. Lower prices for dressed lamb was a bearish factor in the live trade. Receipts of sheep and lambs at the 12 markets totaled 90,000 head, little changed from the previous week, but 18 percent less than a year earlier. Woolled slaughter lambs predominated in the receipts. Slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ lower, except steady to 25¢ higher on shorn lambs at Omaha. Slaughter ewes were steady to 50¢ higher; feeder lambs mostly steady, instances 50¢ higher at St. Paul, but 50¢-\$1.00 lower at Fort Worth.

Choice and Prime 85-113# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$17.00-18.25 on the close, sparingly \$18.50; Choice and Prime 112-125# \$16.50-17.50. Good and Choice 80-115# woolled lambs \$16.00-17.50; Good and Choice 115-125# \$15.50-16.50; Utility and Good \$13.00-16.00.

Choice and Prime 86-110# shorn slaughter lambs, most with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts, \$16.50-17.25, limited showing 90-109# with fall shorn pelts \$17.25-17.50; few shipments Choice and Prime 115-119# \$15.75-16.50. Good and Choice 88-115# shorn lambs \$15.50-17.00, mainly \$16.00-16.75. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$3.00-8.00.

Good and Choice 54-89# woolled feeder lambs sold from \$16.00-18.50 with sales at Sioux Falls \$17.00-19.25; Choice 72-86# feeders \$17.50-19.00 at most markets. Medium and Good \$14.00-17.00. Few shipments Choice shorn feeders \$17.25-17.50. Fleshy shearing lambs 93-100# \$16.50-17.00 to feedlots at Denver; load Good and Choice 96# shearing lambs \$17.75 at Sioux City.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 27,000 head, 26 percent less than a week ago and 4 percent less than a year earlier. Despite the reduction in marketings, demand was only fair. Woolled slaughter lambs closed steady to 25¢ lower, instances 50¢ off; shorn lambs uneven but mainly steady; slaughter ewes steady. Snowfall throughout the area, combined with one major interest out of the market at midweek, were factors influencing numbers marketed.

On Friday, Choice and Prime 80-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$17.00-17.50 with high-yielding lambs 90-100# at \$17.75-18.00 in a few sections; Choice and Prime 105-115# largely \$16.00-17.25; Good and Choice 80-110# \$16.00-17.25. Choice and Prime 80-105# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.00-16.50; a limited showing high-yielding lambs fall shorn pelts \$16.75-17.00; Good and Choice \$15.50-16.25. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$2.00-5.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers in California and Arizona moderately active, steady to 50¢ lower. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves were mostly steady, bulk of transactions in Arizona. Slaughter lambs sold weak to mostly 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Twelve loads Choice 945-1150# \$26.00; 324 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 950-1200# \$24.40-25.50, including occasional strings for delivery up to March 5; 84 loads mostly Good, some with end of Choice, 900-1150# \$23.50-24.35; 23 loads Standard and low-Good 800-1050# \$22.00-23.25; 10 loads Standard 850-1200# \$19.00-21.75. Slaughter heifers: Thirty-three loads Choice 750-1000#

\$24.25-24.75; 32 loads Good and mostly Choice 775-1050# \$23.50-24.00; 4 loads Good 700-800# \$23.00-23.50.

Stockers and feeders: For delivery up to March, 300 Good and Choice 400-500# steer calves \$27.00-28.00; 2 lots 350-450# mixed calves \$26.00-26.50; Good and Choice 500-600# yearling steers \$25.50-26.25, string with 550# heifers at \$23.50 straight. Good 525-600# steers \$23.00-24.00; 1,190 head Choice 700# \$24.00. Couple lots Good and mostly Choice 400-440# heifer calves \$24.00-24.30; couple strings similar grades 650-750# feeder heifers \$22.50-23.00. For fall delivery, 550 Good and Choice steers expected 700# \$20.00, 300 Good and Choice 400# steer calves \$22.00.

Lambs: In Utah, Choice and Prime 103-110# wooled slaughter lambs \$17.50-18.00, load Good to mostly Choice 107# \$17.25. In Arizona and southern California Choice 100-114# shorn slaughter lambs with largely No. 1 pelts \$18.50-19.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at feedlots was very active early but only a few sales were completed after Tuesday noon. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady early in the week but late sales were 25-50¢ lower. In Colorado, 109 loads Choice 1025-1325# slaughter steers \$25.50-26.40, late sales \$25.50-26.00; 63 loads high-Good and Choice 1125-1300# \$25.00-25.50. Six loads average and high-Choice 1025# slaughter heifers sold early at \$26.40; 205 loads Choice 815-1050# \$25.35-26.25, late sales \$25.35-25.85; 22 loads high-Good and Choice 900-975# \$24.00-25.25. Western Nebraska: Six loads Choice 1150# steers \$25.85. Western Kansas: Two loads high-Good and Choice 950# heifers \$24.50.

Demand was good for stocker and feeder cattle and calves with some Colorado feedlot operators contracting cattle for spring delivery in other trade areas, mainly Texas and Oklahoma. Prices were steady. Western Kansas: Several small lots Good and Choice 600-675# heifers for April and May delivery \$23.00-23.50; around 200 Good 675# \$22.00. Colorado: Two loads Good and Choice 500# mixed steer and heifer calves \$27.50.

Slaughter lambs sold steady to mostly 25¢ lower with sales confirmed on 20,000 head. Colorado: Choice and Prime 96-109# wooled slaughter lambs \$17.75-18.25, few loads Choice 98-112# \$17.00-17.50; Choice 102-119# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$16.00-16.75; 3 loads Good and Choice 80-90# shearing lambs \$17.50. On the Western Slope, 4 loads Choice and Prime 100-105# wooled lambs to California buyer \$17.75 f.o.b. Western Kansas: Choice 98-118# wooled lambs sold off wheat pastures \$16.75-17.75. Western Nebraska: Choice 94-106# wooled slaughter lambs \$17.25-17.75 with 110-115# \$16.75-17.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, AND SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Trading slow, slaughter cattle and calves steady to firm except cows 50¢ higher; stocker and feeder cattle steady; calves strong. Seven loads Choice 1330-1400# slaughter steers \$25.75-26.10; 16 loads Good and Choice 1025-1175# \$25.50-26.50; 19 loads mostly Good 881-950# \$23.50-24.30; 16 loads Good 550-639# slaughter calves \$24.00-25.00; 10 loads Utility and Commercial 1100-1275# cows \$16.00. Around 1,300 Choice 550-650# stockers, steers \$27.00-27.50, heifers \$25.00; 1,500 Good and Choice 800# feeder steers for fall delivery \$23.00; 1,300 Good to mostly Choice stock calves steers \$26.50-30.00, heifers \$24.50-27.00; prices steady on 4,650 head of lambs, Good and Choice 103-105# fall shorn slaughter lambs \$16.50 delivered; 3,900 Good and Choice 73-105# fall shorn feeder lambs \$15.15-15.50.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter cattle steady. Stockers and feeders slow, steady. Good and Choice 1025-1125# slaughter steers \$24.80-26.00. About 1,700 Good and Choice 500-650# stock steer yearlings for March-May delivery \$24.00-26.50; 1,500 Good and Choice 500-650# stock steers for March-May \$22.00-24.00; 1,250 Choice 600# for June-July \$22.75-23.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers steady to 50¢ lower. Stockers and feeders steady. Slaughter lambs slow, steady to 50¢ lower. Slaughter steers: Good and Choice 950-1250# \$24.00-26.50; Choice 1250-1400# \$23.25-23.50. Slaughter heifers: Washington and Idaho - Good and Choice 900-1050# \$23.00-24.00.

Stockers and feeders: Good and Choice 500-850# steers \$24.00-26.00 in Washington and Good and Choice 525# heifers \$23.00. Oregon - Good and Choice 550# steers \$26.00, heifers \$22.50; Choice 400# mixed calves \$28.00 for spring; Choice 750-900# steers for October \$24.00-25.00, 700# heifers \$24.00. Good and Choice 300-425# calves for October, steers \$24.00, heifers \$23.00.

Slaughter lambs: Washington and Idaho - Choice and Prime 100-115# wooled \$17.75-18.50. Oregon - Choice and Prime 100-106# No. 1-3 pelts \$18.00-19.50 delivered California and Washington.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Cattle and calves slow, sheep and lambs moderately active. Slaughter cattle steady to 50¢ lower; stock calves steady; sheep and lambs steady to strong. Cattle: Montana - 155 high-Good and Choice 950-1050# slaughter steers \$24.00-24.50; Choice 825-1000# heifers \$23.50. Calves: Montana - 125 Choice 400-450# steers and heifers \$29.50; 500 Good and Choice 400-500#, steers \$27.00-28.00, heifers \$25.00-27.00.

Sheep: Montana and Wyoming - 4,625 Good and Choice 90-115# wooled slaughter lambs \$16.25-17.00; 3,000 Good and Choice 105-110# ewe lambs for mid-March delivery \$18.00. Three hundred Medium and Good 2-4 year old breeding ewes \$17.00 per head.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 4	Feb. 6
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	40,615	41,550	130	240	29,767	43,317	7,441	14,860
Cincinnati	3,372	2,798	471	507	11,308	13,653	618	646
Denver	8,228	9,060	201	246	4,784	5,555	14,584	20,236
Fort Worth	5,762	5,520	1,641	2,112	2,019	2,598	5,953	9,211
Indianapolis	7,340	6,405	347	471	29,097	37,829	2,586	3,372
Kansas City	21,002	18,129	757	598	14,122	16,080	3,456	4,890
Oklahoma City	7,935	6,482	716	760	3,592	3,044	1,346	1,930
Omaha	37,585	36,083	871	485	37,656	55,377	15,831	16,573
St. Joseph	16,435	14,158	467	316	20,089	24,258	8,756	5,563
St. Louis NSY	15,941	12,319	1,678	1,908	47,060	64,084	5,762	5,029
Sioux City	27,649	27,257	1,414	1,507	33,659	43,624	9,082	12,902
S. St. Paul	18,397	19,380	8,793	8,690	47,531	61,194	14,384	14,772
Total	210,261	199,141	17,486	17,840	280,684	370,613	89,799	109,984
" Jan. 28, 1961	204,387		14,197		279,567		91,561	

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	Feb. 4, 1961	Jan. 28, 1961	Feb. 6, 1960
Hogs	309,000	397,000	381,000
Sheep	26,600	35,900	27,800

RECEIPTS, SALABLE AND TOTAL OF LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

MONTH OF JANUARY

Market	Cattle				Calves			
	Salable		Total		Salable		Total	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	168,073	175,146	175,395	185,783	856	1,411	856	1,411
Cincinnati	14,271	13,705	19,023	18,667	2,294	2,315	2,381	2,331
Denver	50,646	54,651	80,278	61,839	10,384	12,434	11,494	13,430
Fort Worth	27,570	22,990	37,081	31,959	9,128	7,548	10,765	13,494
Indianapolis	33,295	32,421	33,295	32,421	1,453	2,161	1,453	2,161
Kansas City	96,449	86,426	134,698	116,439	4,149	3,843	10,068	7,849
Oklahoma City	47,527	36,325	48,970	39,920	5,026	3,015	5,110	3,070
Omaha	184,016	153,995	191,520	159,690	3,783	3,303	4,060	3,370
St. Joseph	74,608	65,160	79,402	69,363	1,991	2,068	2,063	2,192
St. Louis NSY	70,708	60,807	73,383	62,896	7,870	8,252	8,007	8,411
Sioux City	138,654	126,822	143,187	131,875	10,931	7,069	11,597	8,644
S. St. Paul	86,056	89,703	94,224	99,180	35,693	39,681	36,935	41,767
Total	991,873	918,151	1,110,456	1,010,032	93,558	93,100	104,789	108,130
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Market	Hogs				Sheep and lambs			
	Salable		Total		Salable		Total	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	150,408	189,960	153,124	194,527	38,859	51,548	40,248	57,686
Cincinnati	51,889	54,828	74,636	70,351	3,482	3,616	3,721	3,804
Denver	23,729	24,320	46,755	64,462	50,579	61,827	103,184	117,745
Fort Worth	9,025	10,373	23,245	31,440	33,353	31,010	60,801	52,717
Indianapolis	139,945	166,245	144,173	167,283	15,010	12,643	15,010	12,874
Kansas City	66,296	72,219	78,106	78,362	28,313	19,425	52,788	63,762
Oklahoma City	14,600	14,316	37,570	36,650	8,427	6,276	8,427	6,276
Omaha	201,117	236,807	271,514	339,560	75,268	59,420	98,360	78,082
St. Joseph	102,689	127,040	157,756	187,597	35,276	29,100	60,619	55,480
St. Louis NSY	233,778	293,590	235,023	299,546	31,612	24,626	33,035	26,128
Sioux City	177,615	219,914	201,078	258,744	51,901	47,148	60,745	56,142
S. St. Paul	223,216	278,720	269,403	339,299	70,985	71,925	112,023	105,593
Total	1,394,307	1,688,332	1,692,383	2,067,821	443,065	418,564	648,961	636,289

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Hogs	Sheep
January 1961	1,668,000	161,200
January 1960	1,788,000	124,400

		Week ended				Month	
		Feb. 2	Jan. 26	Feb. 4	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
		1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1960
Steers -	1001# up	1,040	349	542	4,209	2,621	
	901-1000	2,402	1,554	1,490	10,488	8,283	
	801-900	3,239	3,101	2,918	17,685	14,985	
	701-800	2,571	3,601	4,819	19,423	20,255	
	501-700	7,174	9,992	7,981	49,842	36,381	
Total steers	10 markets	16,426	18,597	17,750	101,647	82,525	
Av. wts.	" "	745#	700#	722#	724#	729#	
Av. cost*	" "	\$24.22	\$24.77	\$23.67	\$24.56	\$23.60	
"	" Chicago	23.87	23.37	23.06	23.63	23.49	
"	" Kansas City	24.19	24.60	23.47	24.29	23.31	
"	" Omaha	24.21	24.62	23.45	24.82	23.69	
"	" S. St. Paul	22.31	21.06	21.79	22.06	21.70	
"	" Sioux City	26.08	26.31	25.07	26.19	24.97	
"	" Denver	22.85	26.71	24.05	25.52	24.95	
"	" Ft. Worth	23.22	23.96	22.99	23.48	22.67	
"	" Oklahoma City	23.54	23.27	22.72	23.35	22.17	
"	" S. St. Joseph	23.24	23.59	23.23	23.23	23.12	
"	" St. Louis NSY	22.54	23.57	23.43	23.15	22.59	
Total calves	- 10 markets	8,265	13,358	8,605	70,092	54,592	
"	heifers	2,485	2,535	2,111	14,416	11,138	
"	cows	690	1,093	772	4,446	2,881	

**** Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.**

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Feb.2 1961	Feb.4 1960	Feb.2 1961	Feb.4 1960	Feb.2 1961	Feb.4 1960	Feb.2 1961	Feb.4 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	5,136	3,736	17.4	12.3	1,240	1,254	28.19	28.04
Choice.....	15,876	21,054	53.9	69.2	1,180	1,193	26.92	26.25
Good.....	7,493	4,212	25.4	13.8	1,149	1,091	25.18	24.17
Standard.....	790	1,048	2.7	3.5	1,036	996	22.63	21.96
Commercial.....	71	131	.2	.4	1,518	1,585	21.05	21.18
Utility.....	115	238	.4	.8	990	1,059	19.90	18.79
All grades.....	29,481	30,419			1,179	1,180	26.58	26.01
OMAHA								
Prime.....	203	131	1.1	.7	1,208	1,155	27.24	27.21
Choice.....	8,405	7,104	47.2	39.6	1,188	1,171	25.82	25.42
Good.....	8,358	9,475	46.9	52.8	1,140	1,141	24.37	23.60
Standard.....	661	976	3.7	5.5	1,151	1,068	21.29	19.70
Utility.....	198	246	1.1	1.4	1,085	1,124	19.63	17.62
All grades.....	17,825	17,932			1,163	1,149	24.94	24.09
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	168	388	1.4	3.1	1,179	1,158	27.90	27.61
Choice.....	7,853	6,882	63.7	54.7	1,177	1,162	26.19	25.90
Good.....	3,906	4,803	31.7	38.2	1,131	1,140	24.50	24.02
Standard.....	400	413	3.2	3.3	1,076	1,119	21.23	20.61
Utility.....	--	96	--	.7	--	1,105	--	17.90
All grades.....	12,327	12,582			1,159	1,151	25.54	25.02
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	34	--	.4	--	1,142	--	28.00	--
Choice.....	1,151	3,268	13.6	44.3	1,142	1,171	26.38	24.77
Good.....	6,220	3,117	73.4	42.2	1,112	1,125	24.76	23.36
Standard.....	1,025	916	12.1	12.4	1,073	1,040	21.60	21.71
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	44	81	.5	1.1	1,053	1,041	19.05	17.92
All grades.....	8,474	7,382			1,111	1,134	24.60	23.76
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	8	--	.1	--	881	--	27.75
Choice.....	1,139	1,259	14.9	24.8	1,123	1,060	26.32	25.96
Good.....	4,916	2,834	64.1	55.8	1,052	1,058	24.70	24.24
Standard.....	1,458	935	19.0	18.4	995	1,002	22.08	21.33
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	151	44	2.0	.9	903	887	18.66	18.05
All grades.....	7,664	5,080			1,049	1,047	24.38	24.12
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,240	1,950	28.3	25.1	1,172	1,153	25.98	25.31
Good.....	5,235	5,015	66.0	64.6	1,115	1,120	24.81	23.62
Standard.....	450	743	5.7	9.6	1,101	1,059	21.06	20.32
Utility.....	--	52	--	.7	--	1,005	--	16.72
All grades.....	7,925	7,760			1,130	1,122	24.95	23.72
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,689	1,152	70.7	45.9	1,178	1,173	25.83	25.01
Good.....	684	1,292	28.6	51.5	1,148	1,134	24.69	23.58
Standard.....	12	44	.5	1.7	1,056	943	19.62	18.66
Utility.....	5	23	.2	.9	920	1,196	18.70	17.32
All grades.....	2,390	2,511			1,168	1,149	25.47	24.12

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 4	Feb. 6
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area...	12,032	13,288	8,741	8,932	45,896	51,479	41,536	42,097
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,657	7,901	1,967	1,397	32,472	29,548	5,105	5,037
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	18,946	18,138	3,971	3,951	123,475	146,023	14,861	15,894
Chicago Area.....	13,353	17,630	7,282	7,138	40,327	36,298	6,412	6,778
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	27,888	28,011	23,579	22,993	92,614	135,496	21,436	19,394
St. Louis Area.....	11,108	10,472	1,489	1,357	65,232	84,124	5,118	5,657
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	21,263	23,324	--	--	88,716	104,097	16,407	17,698
Omaha Area.....	37,762	35,218	186	135	72,561	85,134	19,379	19,368
Kansas City.....	16,141	13,971	--	--	30,177	41,578	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	29,825	29,627	9,456	9,980	246,525	299,125	35,233	34,418
Lou'l.Evan'l.Nash'l.Mph's....	5,728	6,342	2,560	3,682	56,512	63,171	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	8,208	6,103	5,366	2,476	32,977	29,971	--	--
St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.	20,115	19,393	930	961	40,184	51,892	11,111	10,573
Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio..	10,395	7,789	3,633	3,230	15,320	18,611	13,201	11,718
Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City..	18,716	18,826	232	312	14,925	19,328	27,362	31,054
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	28,503	25,638	1,688	1,483	25,076	27,340	29,758	26,382
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,500	7,127	250	179	14,679	18,397	4,355	3,517
Total.....	296,140	288,798	71,330	68,206	1,037,668	1,241,612	251,274	249,585
Accumulation to date.....	1,506,373		336,867		5,567,436		1,307,349	
		1,574,475		361,922		6,830,925		1,362,998

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.		
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Feb. 4, 1961	360	217.4	100	11.2	1,200	166.3	275	13.8	408.7	--
Jan. 28, 1961	370	224.6	85	9.5	1,280	175.1	295	14.8	424.0	--
Jan. 14, 1961 1/.....	402	--	108	--	1,427	--	332	--	--	45.4
Feb. 6, 1960 1/.....	344	208.2	94	10.7	1,412	191.9	272	13.7	424.5	45.5

Percentage change from:

Jan. 28, 1961	-3	-3	18	18	-6	-5	-7	-7	-4	--
Feb. 6, 1960	5	4	6	5	-15	-13	1	1	-4	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs 2/		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Feb. 4, 1961	1060	604	200	112	241	139	104	50	--
Jan. 28, 1961	1065	607	200	112	238	137	103	50	--
Jan. 14, 1961	1055	601	200	111	245	141	102	50	--
Feb. 6, 1960	1058	605	199	114	234	136	104	50	13.8

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	4	6	4	6	4	6	4	6	4	6
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	28.30	28.15	--	--	27.75	27.75	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.55	28.12	--	--	27.65	27.52	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	27.20	26.78	26.20	26.08	26.52	26.30	25.98	25.70	26.00	26.62
1100-1300	26.30	26.25	25.95	25.90	26.18	25.78	25.86	25.15	25.25	25.50
Good 900-1100	24.92	24.45	24.02	23.70	24.12	23.40	23.12	22.35	24.12	24.62
Standard - All wts.	22.10	21.52	20.92	20.75	21.50	19.72	20.00	18.90	20.88	21.75
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	26.20	26.22	25.12	25.32	25.70	26.15	25.15	25.25	23.62	24.12
Good** 600-800	--	--	22.98	22.92	23.55	23.32	22.68	22.00	21.88	23.00
Standard - All wts.	21.38	20.25	19.85	19.78	20.85	19.75	19.50	18.50	19.50	20.50
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.52	15.42	16.50	16.60	16.35	15.10	--	17.00	17.00	17.00
Utility	16.40	14.95	15.60	15.25	15.52	14.18	15.62	15.58	15.00	15.12
Cutter	15.65	14.65	14.85	14.52	14.62	13.08	13.50	13.82	13.50	12.31
Canner	14.25	13.32	13.85	13.12	13.78	12.15	12.62	12.75	11.75	10.06
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	19.80	21.22	17.75	19.25	17.88	19.25	--	--	--	21.00
Utility	19.80	20.45	18.00	18.70	18.00	18.75	18.10	19.50	19.50	22.00
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	23.30	24.75	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	21.15	23.25	--	--	--	--	22.50	25.50
Standard	--	--	19.00	20.25	--	--	--	--	19.25	22.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	27.80	30.50	27.50	28.25	25.30	25.50	--	--	29.75	31.25
Good	25.20	28.80	24.30	25.75	22.45	23.75	--	--	27.25	29.00
Standard	21.10	24.60	20.10	22.00	19.35	20.75	--	--	23.00	25.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	27.12	27.75	26.35	26.50	26.75	26.75	25.88	26.00	24.50	24.50
Good 500-800	24.75	25.25	24.00	24.12	24.62	24.25	24.00	24.00	22.50	23.50
Medium 500-1000	21.50	21.50	20.25	20.50	21.25	20.25	21.25	21.00	20.00	20.00
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.50	23.75	24.25	24.38	24.25	23.50	--	23.25
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.00	19.50	20.75	21.50	21.50	21.25	19.00	20.00
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	15.50	16.00	14.75	13.75	16.50	--	--	14.75
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.00	28.10	29.25	29.75	29.50	30.00	24.75	26.25
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	24.75	26.00	25.25	27.00	27.00	27.50	22.50	24.75

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 4, 1961	18.05	18.14	18.28	18.10	18.08	18.22	17.69	18.20	18.06
	Jan. 28, 1961	17.85	17.80	18.01	17.90	17.80	17.93	17.79	17.96	17.86
	Feb. 6, 1960	13.11	13.12	13.24	12.99	12.97	13.17	12.81	13.39	13.06
Sows	Feb. 4, 1961	15.19	15.28	15.47	15.74	15.62	15.78	15.22	15.40	15.45
	Jan. 28, 1961	14.74	14.58	14.80	15.24	15.10	15.08	14.84	14.82	14.92
	Feb. 6, 1960	10.90	11.27	11.18	11.13	11.21	11.37	11.14	10.91	11.11
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 4, 1961	237	220	230	243	242	232	231	227	232
	Jan. 28, 1961	234	220	231	241	244	232	231	226	232
	Feb. 6, 1960	234	216	229	241	242	224	229	224	230
Sows	Feb. 4, 1961	454	414	444	452	455	434	421	463	441
	Jan. 28, 1961	445	424	446	450	444	416	423	461	439
	Feb. 6, 1960	454	400	419	434	439	379	421	441	428
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 4, 1961	22436	40762	12857	32387	29429	18069	36939	25143	218022
	Jan. 28, 1961	22582	44883	12518	30868	28699	18259	36505	27008	221322
	Feb. 6, 1960	34095	58164	14465	46983	37965	21638	51181	32674	297165
Sows	Feb. 4, 1961	2629	3495	878	3243	2491	1454	2378	2426	18994
	Jan. 28, 1961	2332	2629	719	3261	2211	1239	2158	1760	16309
	Feb. 6, 1960	3711	4033	844	4798	2725	1161	2713	2821	22806
SOWS		Percentage of total								
		Feb. 4, 1961	10	8	6	9	8	7	6	9
		Jan. 28, 1961	9	6	5	10	7	6	6	7
		Feb. 6, 1960	10	6	6	9	7	5	5	8

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Feb. 4, 1961	\$20.10	\$18.60	\$1.50
Jan. 28, 1961	20.25	18.37	1.88
Feb. 6, 1960	15.47	13.56	1.91

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Feb. 4, 1961	18.05	113.8	15.9
Jan. 28, 1961	17.85	110.4	16.2
Feb. 6, 1960	13.11	113.8	11.5

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

Month		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan.1961	17.43	17.46	17.46	17.30	17.08	17.43	17.08	17.65	17.33
	Dec.1960	17.49	17.47	17.20	17.15	16.97	17.27	16.98	17.74	17.27
	Jan.1960	12.52	12.77	12.73	12.63	12.56	12.73	12.52	12.86	12.65
Sows	Jan.1961	14.09	14.14	14.18	14.32	14.14	14.31	14.14	14.22	14.19
	Dec.1960	13.13	13.58	13.50	13.45	13.12	13.52	13.40	13.27	13.36
	Jan.1960	10.09	10.47	10.07	10.42	10.69	10.32	10.14	9.96	10.30
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan.1961	237	224	235	245	247	235	235	228	236
	Dec.1960	234	223	233	240	241	232	231	228	232
	Jan.1960	236	222	232	241	244	227	231	228	232
Sows	Jan.1961	452	419	447	448	448	432	428	468	442
	Dec.1960	446	404	438	439	435	420	421	460	432
	Jan.1960	452	405	432	440	445	416	418	438	429
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Jan.1961	113126	201648	58922	169395	157169	90824	177186	121805	1090075
	Dec.1960	131021	210039	61112	161708	161784	102555	167516	103911	1099646
	Jan.1960	151611	314149	65745	205098	193224	113354	229727	144904	1417812
Sows	Jan.1961	13137	18839	4291	19482	12114	7457	12832	10971	99123
	Dec.1960	15650	18002	5306	23812	17453	9621	19428	14331	123603
	Jan.1960	17349	24938	4231	19203	13334	9015	15217	13047	116334
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Jan.1961		10	9	7	10	7	8	7	8	8
Dec.1960		11	8	8	13	10	9	10	12	10
Jan.1960		10	7	6	9	6	7	6	9	8

^{1/} Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Month	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Jan.1961	\$19.91	\$18.03	\$1.88
Dec.1960	19.96	18.21	1.75
Jan.1960	15.34	13.09	2.25

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Month	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds ^{1/}	Corn, ^{1/} No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Jan.1961	17.43	2/109.4	15.9
Dec.1960	17.49	101.7	17.2
Jan.1960	12.52	114.4	10.9

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading on greasy domestic shorn wools was slow at the Boston market under a moderately good demand with prices about steady. A substantial volume of scoured and greasy pulled wools were sold for woollen consumption at firm prices with little done in scoured shorn wools. A moderate volume of noils sold at steady to strong prices. Some early shorn wool was sold in the territory States with little done in Texas or the fleece wool States.

Cabled reports from Australia at midweek indicated prices advanced two to three pence with Japan and the Continent dominating and the United Kingdom supporting. The New Zealand market closed strong with total clearance with the Continent, Iron Curtain countries and United States buyers operating freely. In the Cape markets, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States were competing and quotations were slightly higher. Trade in Buenos Aires was slow with quotations about 1¢-2¢ higher. The Uruguay market was active with the Continent, Bradford, Japan and the United States competing and prices advanced 2¢.

Fleece Wools - Medium fleece lambs wool sold around 80¢ clean basis. Barn shearing continued in Ohio and Indiana.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s territory average French combing wool brought \$1.05 while graded 64s clothing wool moved around \$1.00 and graded 60/62s good French combing and staple sold around \$1.07-1.08 clean basis. Early shorn bulk fine and half-blood short French combing Colorado wool sold at 41¢ grease basis, f.o.b. and was estimated to cost clean around 88-90¢ delivered Boston.

Texas Wools - Trading for Texas wools was very limited.

Mohair - Trading for mohair was slow with prices unchanged. Small bag lots of fall 1960 adult mohair were purchased at 90-95¢ for shipment overseas. Contracting of spring mohair had practically ceased.

Foreign Wools - Trading for spot foreign wools was very slow. Weekend quotations follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured yields
7 - \$1.04	17 - \$.99
8 - 1.03	22 - .98
12 - 1.01	23 - .97
47 - 1.03	27 - .96
48 - 1.00	32 - .94
52 - 1.00	33 - .92
53 - .98	

Australia	
Oil-combed	
77 - \$1.07	422 - \$.99
78 - 1.04	423 - .95
78A- 1.01	424 - .93
79 - 1.00	425 - .88

New Zealand Oil-combed

86 - \$.92	107 - \$.82
93 - .88	114 - .81
834 - .87	128 - .78
100 - .84	

Montevideo Super Skirted: 64s - 89¢, 60/64s - 87¢, 60s - 86¢, 58/60s - 85¢, 56/58s - 83¢, 50/56s - 81¢ and 50s - 81¢.

Carpet Wools - Trading for carpet wools was slow due to price advances in all foreign centers. Buenos Aires shippers were asking 74½¢-76¢ for November second clip wools and up to 78¢ clean fibers present for fleeces while New Zealand fleeces were quoted at 76¢ and second shear wools at 74½¢ all clean fibers present for shipment.

Woollen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic

60s 2½-3½" ch. wh.	\$1.12
58s 1½-2" paint wool	.88
56/58s 1-1-3/4" wh.	.95
56s 1-2½" stained	.89
50s 3-4" white	.90-1.00

Greasy Pulled Domestic

(Clean basis)

64/62s 2½-3" stained	\$1.09
60/58s 2½-3" defect	.94
58s 1½-2" lambs	.93
58/56s ave. 2" stained	.81-.82
56s 3-3½" stained	.97
56s 3-3½" defect	.96

Scoured Shorn Foreign

Aust. 62s and 58/60s locks and pieces fair to good color \$.90

Noils

Clear Aust. 70s nobles	\$.90
Semi-clear Aust. 64s nobles	.78
Def. Aust. 64s nobles	.75
Semi-clear Aust. 60/62s nobles	.78
Clear Arg. 60s Schlumberger	.68
Semi-clear N.Z. 50s X-bred nobles	.65
Good N.Z. 46/50s X-bred nobles	.70

Wool Tops - Trading for wool tops showed a slight improvement over the past two weeks with small sales of mostly 60s and finer qualities.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Feb. 2, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the New York Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops -	\$1.495
May wool tops -	1.495
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
March wool -	\$1.145
May wool -	1.157
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Trading at most Eastern Seaboard markets was slow on the close following fair activity earlier in the week. Supplies were ample in most divisions to meet current demand, although volume of veal and calf was below normal and too limited to provide a test of trends at some points. Beef ribs and chucks moved good, but rounds and loins were generally slow. Most coolers at New York were liberally stocked with beef hindquarters at the close and bulk was unsold. Supplies of beef were normal with pork moderate. Trading for pork was slow at most points with loins under pressure at Philadelphia and New York. Demand for lamb centered on 35-50# carcasses along with legs and chucks. Supplies of lamb were normal and consisted mostly of carcasses weighing 50-70#.

Steer beef closed 50¢-\$1.50 lower at Philadelphia and New York and mostly steady at other markets; cow beef steady to \$1.00 higher, except weak at New York. Veal and calf sold steady to \$3.00 higher with bulk at New York and Philadelphia \$2.00-3.00 up. Lamb sold steady to \$2.00 higher at most points. Pork loins sold \$1.00-1.50 higher at New York, \$3.00-4.00 off at Philadelphia and at other markets, except \$1.00 higher at Washington. Other pork cuts were steady to \$3.00 higher except fresh skinned hams at Philadelphia \$1.00-3.00 lower.

Kosher steer forequarters were \$1.00 lower; lamb mainly steady to \$1.00 off. Veal and calf prices closed strong to \$3.00 higher, largely on the basis of reduced receipts.

CHICAGO - Supplies of most fresh meats were about normal, except veal small. Bulk of the beef supply was high-Good and Choice, although Prime showed a slight increase compared with recent weeks. There was a liberal showing of lamb carcasses weighing over 50#. Carcass beef prices turned lower in a slow trade with lower prices for most cuts a bearish factor. During the week under review veal prices rose to the highest level in ten years with the advance prompted mostly by limited supplies. At the outset lamb prices worked higher on the strength of higher replacements late the previous week, however, trading was only moderately active later with part of the upturn erased. Best demand was centered on lamb hindsaddles. Trading for fresh pork was slow through midweek but turned moderately active on the close, particularly for 8-12# loins and Boston butts 4-8#.

Beef prices closed steady to \$1.00 lower; veal \$3.00-4.00 higher following \$3.00-3.50 advance last week; lamb steady to 50¢ higher. Pork loins sold \$1.00-2.00 lower; Boston butts 4-8# 50¢-\$1.00 higher; spareribs 3# down steady to 50¢ higher.

PACIFIC COAST - Trading was generally slow on all classes of fresh meats. Supply of steer beef was about normal, except Choice 500-650# carcasses in rather small supply. The supply of cow beef was about normal. Lamb supplies were fully adequate with demand only fair. The supply of fresh and cured pork was abundant with clearance incomplete.

Steer beef sold steady to \$1.00 lower; cow beef strong to \$1.00 higher in California, but weak to \$1.00 lower in the northwest. Veal and calf was uneven, steady to \$2.00 lower in the northwest, but steady to \$2.00 higher in San Francisco. Lamb was steady to \$1.00 lower. Fresh pork sold unevenly steady to \$3.00 lower, the most decline at San Francisco; smoked and cured pork was mostly steady to \$1.00 lower, except \$1.00 higher on sliced bacon at Los Angeles.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - General price declines were recorded on normal supplies of most fresh meats under a rather poor demand. Cow beef was the exception selling sharply higher. Demand on pork sides was the poorest in recent months although reduced supplies tended to stimulate trading. Clearance was only fair on most classes.

Steer beef closed 50¢ to mostly \$1.00 lower; heifer beef \$1.00-1.50 off; cow beef \$1.50-2.50 higher; lamb 50-75¢ lower. Pork loins sold mostly \$2.50 lower; fresh hams \$1.50-2.50 off; Boston butts steady; pork sides steady to 25¢ higher.

Choice 600-700# steer beef closed at \$42.00-43.00, few carlots \$43.50; 700-800# \$41.00-42.00; Good 600-700# \$39.00-40.50, high-Good \$40.75-41.00; Good 700-800# \$38.00-40.00. Choice 500-700# heifer beef brought \$40.00-41.00; Good \$38.00-39.50; Utility cow beef \$29.50-31.50, few carlots \$32.00. Choice and Prime 45-55# lamb carcasses closed at \$34.00-36.00. Pork loins 8-12# \$41.50-42.50; fresh hams 12-14# \$41.50-42.00, 14-16# \$39.00-39.50. U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$26.40-27.00; 155-175# \$25.90-26.80.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Price declines were recorded on all classes of fresh meats, except cow beef which sold higher for the second consecutive week. Supplies of most classes were about normal, with the exception of Denver where supplies of all classes were above normal and supplies of steer and heifer beef were near record proportions. Cow beef was limited at Philadelphia. Steer beef closed largely 50¢-\$1.00 lower; heifer beef 50¢-\$1.50 lower, mostly \$1.00-1.50 off and instances \$2.00 off at Philadelphia. Cow beef sold 50¢-\$2.00 higher; lamb steady to \$2.00 lower. At Chicago pork loins sold 50¢ lower.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
 Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
	Feb.4	Feb.6	Feb.4	Feb.6	Feb.4	Feb.6	Feb.4	Feb.6
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -								
Prime	700-800#	46.20	48.00	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	46.85	45.75	45.75	44.75	42.00	43.88	41.50
	700-800	45.62	43.75	44.25	42.00	40.38	42.00	40.00
Good	500-600	43.70	42.85	43.75	40.50	41.25	43.50	40.50
	600-700	44.45	43.35	43.75	40.50	39.62	41.50	39.25
Heifer beef -								
Choice	500-600#	--	--	43.75	43.91	40.00	42.50	41.00
	600-700	--	--	43.75	43.31	39.50	41.50	40.00
Good	500-600	--	--	42.12	39.50	--	--	39.50
Veal -								
Prime	90-120#	65.00	64.50	63.50	58.50	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	57.50	53.50	60.00	53.50	--	--	--
Good	90-120	51.50	47.50	55.00	50.00	53.00	55.00	--
Lamb -								
Prime	45-55#	40.10	42.00	38.88	--	39.75	--	41.00
Choice	45-55	39.60	40.05	38.88	39.94	39.75	41.00	41.00
Fresh pork -								
Loins	8-12#	48.75	39.00	45.00	36.00	50.75	40.00	46.62
Butts	4-8	38.50	32.50	35.75	28.00	40.00	34.00	40.00
Spareribs	3# down	43.50	38.40	39.50	35.50	44.50	39.00	42.38
Cured pork -								
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	47.00	39.50	50.75	46.75	50.50	50.00	46.88
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		49.00	36.00	56.00	44.50	57.00	41.00	54.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	33.00	29.50	34.50	33.75	31.50	30.00	33.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.25	12.38	15.00	12.00	17.50	15.50	16.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED FEB. 3, 1961

Classification	Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
	Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
	Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer Beef -					
Choice	600-700#	43.00-43.50	42.00-42.50	42.50-43.00	45.00-45.50
	700-800	41.50-42.50	40.50-41.50	41.00-41.25	43.50-44.50
	800-900	40.50-41.00	39.50-40.00	39.50-39.75	42.00-43.00
Good	500-600	40.50-41.50	--	--	43.00-44.00
	600-700	40.50-41.50	37.00-41.50	40.00-40.25	42.50-43.25
	700-800	40.00-41.00	37.00-40.50	39.25-40.00	42.00-43.00
Heifer beef -					
Choice	500-600#	41.00-41.50	41.00-42.00	40.00-40.25	--
	600-700	41.00-41.50	39.50-40.75	40.00-40.25	--
Good	500-600	39.00-39.50	38.50	38.00-38.50	--
	600-700	39.00-39.50	38.50	38.00-38.50	--
Cow beef - All weights -					
Utility		30.50-31.50	29.00-31.25	29.50-31.00	--
Canner and Cutter		31.50-32.50	--	30.50-31.50	--
Lamb -					
Prime	35-45#	37.00-38.00	35.00-35.50	--	38.00-40.00
	45-55	35.00-36.00	33.00-34.25	34.25-35.25	36.00-38.00
	55-65	32.00-33.00	31.00-32.50	32.25-33.25	34.00-36.00
Choice	35-45	37.00-38.00	35.00-35.50	--	38.00-40.00
	45-55	35.00-36.00	33.00-34.25	34.25-35.25	36.00-38.00
	55-65	32.00-33.00	31.00-32.50	32.25-33.25	34.00-36.00
Fresh pork -					
Loins	8-12#	42.00-43.00	--	41.50-42.00	--

MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE 1/- SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO
CHOICE GRADE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1955 ...	26.98	26.17	25.80	24.62	23.09	22.63	22.72	22.43	22.69	22.01	20.83	20.35	23.16
1956 ...	20.02	18.88	19.41	20.56	20.70	21.05	22.37	25.81	27.27	26.08	24.30	21.99	22.30
1957 ...	21.23	20.57	21.86	22.99	23.31	23.48	25.12	25.63	24.98	24.67	25.20	25.98	23.83
1958 ...	26.82	27.54	29.90	29.37	28.83	28.07	26.99	26.11	26.70	26.67	26.77	27.19	27.42
1959 ...	28.13	27.85	29.11	30.33	29.34	28.48	27.89	27.56	27.62	27.19	26.53	25.57	27.83
1960 ...	26.42	26.69	28.08	27.76	27.43	26.04	25.64	25.07	24.80	24.94	26.08	26.86	26.24

ALL GRADES

1955 ...	26.12	24.46	24.12	23.36	22.18	22.15	22.52	22.33	22.67	21.95	20.84	20.30	22.59
1956 ...	20.01	18.85	18.89	19.87	20.12	20.79	22.28	25.61	27.31	26.00	23.97	21.65	22.00
1957 ...	20.94	20.28	21.36	22.61	22.85	23.07	24.76	25.45	24.84	24.48	25.06	25.74	23.48
1958 ...	26.31	26.65	28.28	28.59	28.27	27.67	26.75	25.91	26.65	26.70	26.79	27.01	27.09
1959 ...	27.81	27.44	28.22	29.32	28.82	28.15	27.61	27.36	27.48	27.06	26.31	25.26	27.53
1960 ...	26.10	26.37	27.40	27.13	26.75	25.58	25.30	24.75	24.62	24.83	26.00	26.61	25.93

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/- SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO

CHOICE GRADE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1955 ...	1,132	1,148	1,138	1,138	1,139	1,138	1,143	1,129	1,125	1,134	1,121	1,130	1,134
1956 ...	1,164	1,187	1,189	1,192	1,174	1,163	1,143	1,116	1,099	1,113	1,136	1,153	1,152
1957 ...	1,176	1,199	1,196	1,178	1,180	1,181	1,154	1,140	1,141	1,142	1,138	1,138	1,162
1958 ...	1,157	1,165	1,172	1,157	1,156	1,166	1,165	1,164	1,156	1,165	1,174	1,192	1,166
1959 ...	1,209	1,209	1,211	1,199	1,201	1,195	1,196	1,187	1,180	1,160	1,159	1,165	1,187
1960 ...	1,191	1,196	1,208	1,186	1,188	1,180	1,186	1,180	1,172	1,165	1,167	1,173	1,183

ALL GRADES

1955 ...	1,095	1,092	1,081	1,089	1,093	1,111	1,121	1,122	1,126	1,135	1,132	1,145	1,114
1956 ...	1,154	1,166	1,151	1,141	1,125	1,134	1,125	1,109	1,109	1,115	1,129	1,143	1,134
1957 ...	1,148	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,140	1,136	1,120	1,124	1,126	1,131	1,138	1,141	1,137
1958 ...	1,141	1,129	1,114	1,118	1,119	1,132	1,138	1,143	1,145	1,161	1,175	1,190	1,144
1959 ...	1,194	1,187	1,168	1,149	1,162	1,165	1,166	1,163	1,158	1,151	1,152	1,158	1,164
1960 ...	1,176	1,174	1,169	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,158	1,153	1,152	1,153	1,164	1,166	1,160

MONTHLY AVERAGE COST 1/- -- BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MARKETS COMBINED 2/

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1955 ...	16.82	16.25	16.09	16.96	17.21	19.60	17.76	16.40	16.28	14.40	12.12	10.67	15.19
1956 ...	11.70	12.41	13.20	15.01	16.31	16.68	16.47	16.87	16.29	15.64	14.90	16.69	14.82
1957 ...	17.89	17.16	17.25	17.95	18.24	19.65	20.79	21.27	19.34	17.20	17.01	18.45	18.29
1958 ...	19.26	20.16	21.20	20.64	22.03	22.97	23.12	21.33	20.42	18.88	18.13	17.86	20.25
1959 ...	16.63	15.63	15.89	16.09	16.09	15.91	14.40	14.65	13.81	13.11	12.61	11.86	14.64
1960 ...	12.65	13.56	15.55	15.96	16.03	16.88	17.74	16.91	16.59	17.30	17.36	17.27	15.96

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/- BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MARKETS COMBINED 2/

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1955 ...	241	236	235	233	230	225	215	209	210	216	224	228	226
1956 ...	231	227	224	223	223	221	217	211	214	217	223	227	222
1957 ...	232	229	230	230	230	226	215	208	210	218	225	229	224
1958 ...	232	228	229	233	234	229	219	214	218	224	230	233	227
1959 ...	238	232	229	232	231	229	221	216	218	224	228	230	228
1960 ...	232	228	229	232	234	232	228	223	222	225	231	232	229

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Eight markets include Chicago, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis National Stock Yards, Sioux City, South St. Joseph, and South St. Paul.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1960 1/

Month and period	Cattle				Calves			
	Federally	Other	Total	Av. live weight	Federally	Other	Total	Av. live weight
	inspected	com- mercial			inspected	com- mercial		
	Thousand head				Thousand head			
				Pounds			Pounds	
Dec. 1960	1,575.8	434.3	2,010.1	1,018	451.1	237.2	688.3	208
Dec. 1959	1,552.1	446.8	1,998.9	1,022	455.9	245.1	701.0	203
Jan.-Dec. 1960 2/..	19,393.9	5,754.3	25,148.2	1,005	5,259.5	2,964.1	8,223.6	222
Jan.-Dec. 1959 2/..	17,458.6	5,471.9	22,930.5	1,014	4,875.2	2,808.0	7,683.2	214
Hogs				:	Sheep and lambs			
Dec. 1960	5,752.7	1,037.8	6,790.5	241	1,114.3	150.8	1,265.1	100
Dec. 1959	6,968.1	1,290.7	8,258.8	237	1,182.0	142.9	1,324.9	100
Jan.-Dec. 1960 2/..	66,153.2	12,802.2	78,955.4	236	14,036.1	1,850.4	15,886.5	99
Jan.-Dec. 1959 2/..	68,707.2	12,874.7	81,581.9	237	13,465.7	1,714.2	15,179.9	99

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded head and live weight.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1960

Month and period	Beef	Veal	Pork 2/	Lamb and mutton	Total meat 2/	Lard 3/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Dec. 1960	1,146	79	957	61	2,243	208
Dec. 1959	1,160	80	1,125	64	2,429	268
Jan.-Dec. 1960.	14,337	1,023	10,856	753	26,969	2,416
Jan.-Dec. 1959.	13,233	929	11,131	724	26,017	2,609

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.

3/ Includes rendered pork fat.

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MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS--BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1/

Grade	Beef		Veal and calf		Lamb and mutton	
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
	Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds	
Prime	21,688	22,921	37	253	3,285	417
Choice	373,957	392,986	1,765	2,130	22,276	19,372
Good	128,717	143,837	9,101	8,382	458	1,984
Standard	15,223	13,536	1,697	1,759	--	--
Commercial	5,137	5,129	--	--	--	--
Utility	32,200	18,957	137	136	9	18
Cutter	1,284	1,230	--	--	--	--
Canner	170	96	--	--	--	--
Cull	--	--	11	14	1	6
Total	578,376	598,691	12,747	12,673	26,029	21,797

Bull and stag beef .. 764 875

All other meats and lard..... 13,059 12,513

1/ Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)

DECEMBER 1960

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	45,704	--
Australia	7,168,734	2,779,996	--	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	--	--
Canada	2,400,406	14,228	3,351,673	30,844	799,707
Denmark	--	--	--	--	--
Germany	--	--	--	--	9,643
Holland	--	--	--	--	12,002
Ireland	6,234,573	--	--	--	24,052
Mexico	4,545,284	--	250	--	--
New Zealand	5,944,061	297,591	985	--	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	--	--
All others	2,285,159	300	--	10,000	20,975
Total - December 1960...	28,578,217	3,092,115	3,352,908	86,548	866,379
December 1959...	49,166,435	5,399,589	2,818,862	655,188	764,660

Refused or condemned:

December 1960...	34,071	2,630	--	--	--
December 1959...	21,210	88,614	41	1	53

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscel- laneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscel- laneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	4,233,354	9,000	68,778	861,100	--	123,251	5,341,187
Australia	12,600	--	--	--	--	--	9,961,330
Brazil	383,527	--	--	46,600	--	--	430,127
Canada	16,815	479,130	15,597	--	11,227	285,699	7,405,326
Denmark	--	3,832,239	342,571	--	115,751	5,376	4,295,937
Germany	562	217,575	7,123	--	32,999	--	267,902
Holland	72,670	4,947,687	63,618	--	7,355	--	5,103,332
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	6,258,625
Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,545,534
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	--	--	6,242,637
Paraguay	1,100,184	--	--	--	--	3,858	1,104,042
Poland	--	4,525,155	880,898	--	--	--	5,406,053
Uruguay	534,152	--	--	--	--	14,336	548,488
All others	--	217,686	197,538	--	128,559	15,600	2,875,817
Total - December 1960	6,353,864	14,228,472	1,576,123	907,700	295,891	448,120	59,786,337
December 1959	7,838,435	9,803,401	811,851	--	458,953	891,358	78,608,732

Refused or condemned:

December 1960	26,501	36,791	3,042	20,038	4,703	31,775	159,551
December 1959	126,754	24,870	27,099	--	3,263	--	291,905

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) for December 1960 were as follows: Argentina 308,763, Canada 19,157, Mexico 3,500.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit						Average	
						Jan. 1947-	
						Jan. 1949	
			Jan. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	Jan. 1960	Dec. 1949
Prices received by farmers -							
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	16.50	16.20	16.60	12.10	21.90
All beef cattle	" "	"	20.80	20.30	19.40	20.40	20.20
Cows	" "	"	14.30	13.80	13.10	14.60	--
Steers and heifers	" "	"	23.80	23.40	22.20	23.10	--
Calves	" "	"	23.50	22.50	21.40	24.00	22.60
Sheep	" "	"	5.53	5.29	4.81	5.74	9.15
Lambs	" "	"	16.50	16.00	15.90	17.80	21.90
Wool ^{2/}	Per lb.	"	.393	.402	.390	.430	.460
Corn	Per bu.	"	.963	.911	.866	.979	1.64
Oats	" "	"	.598	.585	.588	.685	.852
Barley	" "	"	.820	.839	.793	.848	1.37
Hay, all baled	" ton	"	21.30	21.00	20.60	22.20	22.40
Cottonseed	" "	"	44.60	45.20	44.40	39.60	71.60
							Jan. Av.
Hog-corn price ratio ^{3/} -							1950-59
United States	Bushel		17.1	17.8	19.2	12.4	13.8
N. Central States	"		18.5	18.5	20.5	12.8	14.1
Iowa	"		18.1	18.9	22.0	14.5	--

Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)							1947-49
All farm products			241	242	241	232	271
Feed grains and hay			146	141	136	151	230
Meat animals			304	296	289	279	334

Prices paid by farmers -

Commodities & services, interest, taxes, and wage rates	301	298	297	299	250
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^{1/} Estimates of Crop Reporting Board.^{2/} Average local market price, excluding incentive payment.^{3/} Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, live weight.EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit			Adjusted base prices 2/	Effective parity prices 3/ based on data for		
				Jan. 1961	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1960
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	7.08	21.30	21.30	21.30
Beef cattle	" "	"	7.87	23.70	23.60	23.70
Calves	" "	"	8.70	26.20	26.10	26.20
Lambs	" "	"	8.38	25.20	25.50	25.60
Wool	Per lb.	"	4/ .249	.749	.739	.742
Corn	" bu.	" .....	.538	1.62	1.62	1.63
Oats	" "	" .....	.279	.840	.837	.840
Barley	" "	" .....	.415	1.25	1.26	1.27
Cottonseed	" ton	"	20.80	62.60	66.80	67.00

- ^{1/} Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956.
- ^{2/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1951-December 1960 average, (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 253 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.
- ^{3/} Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month.
- ^{4/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1951-60 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations).



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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down							
Prime Feb. 4, 1961	18.20	--	17.70	--	--	18.00	--
Feb. 6, 1960	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice Feb. 4, 1961	17.52	17.45	16.80	16.60	17.52	17.25	17.88
Feb. 6, 1960	20.65	19.80	19.75	17.72	19.88	19.12	19.50
Good Feb. 4, 1961	16.08	16.45	16.05	16.25	16.62	16.50	17.25
Feb. 6, 1960	19.85	19.02	18.75	17.38	19.38	18.25	18.75
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.							
Good Feb. 4, 1961	5.90	5.88	7.00	--	6.58	4.50	4.50
Choice Feb. 6, 1960	7.25	5.88	6.00	--	5.95	5.25	5.75
Cull and Feb. 4, 1961	5.65	5.25	6.00	7.55*	5.12	3.25	3.50
Utility Feb. 6, 1960	6.38	4.25	5.00	7.25*	4.35	3.50	4.25
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.							
Good Feb. 4, 1961	--	16.85	--	15.95	17.12	16.00	16.82
Choice Feb. 6, 1960	--	18.95	--	17.00	18.88	--	17.50

*Shorn basis.

Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for
Entry into the United States
Dec. 1960, with comparisons

USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.

Month and year	Canada 1960	Canada 1959	Mexico 1960	Mexico 1959
	Head	Head	Head	Head
December	26,685	23,189	94,207	32,345
Jan.-Dec.	273,131	342,899	399,560	352,571

Note: During the twelve months this year 2,382 sheep and 15,111 hogs were received from Canada compared with 28,684 sheep and 9,712 hogs a year ago.